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SUBJECT: AZORES BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) PONTA DELGADA 0483 (DTG 271640Z NOV 76) (NOTAL),  
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1. IN AN INTERVIEW FOLLOWING THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE OVER AZORES  
BASE NEGOTIATIONS, REGIONAL PRESIDENT MOTA AMARAL ENLARGED ON  
SEVERAL OF THE POINTS COVERED IN REF A AND GAVE A FIGURE FOR  
THE COST OF AZORES INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH MIGHT BE FINANCED BY  
THE LAJES ACCORD. FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED (REF B).

2. DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH US AND QUID LIST: MOTA AMARAL  
DESCRIBED AS A "FANTASY" THE ALLEGATION APPEARING IN THE LISBON  
PRESS THAT THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION WOULD NEGOTIATE  
DIRECTLY WITH THE U.S. HE SAID THAT IT WAS TO GET READY  
FOR THE PREPARATORY WORK IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT A  
LIST OF ITEMS HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. COST OF AZOREAN QUID LIST: WHEN QUERIED IF AZOREAN  
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QUID LIST HAD BEEN COSTED OUT, MOTA AMARAL REPLIED THAT  
PRICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS WOULD BE BETWEEN 129  
AND 161 MILLION DOLLARS.

4. COMMENT: IN SEPARATE RECENT CONVERSATIONS, I NOTED IN PASSING TO SOARES AND FOREIGN MINISTER MEDEIROS FERREIRA THAT MOTA AMARAL'S LIST APPEARED EXAGGERATED. BOTH LAUGHED, AGREED, AND TERMED THE LIST A PURE ELECTION TACTIC. THEY ASSURED ME GOP WOULD DEAL WITH AZORES IN CONTEXT OF ITS TOTAL RELATIONS WITH USG. MEDEIROS FERREIRA EMPHASIZED THAT GOP WOULD HANDLE THE NEGOTIATIONS, ALTHOUGH SOMETHING TANGIBLE FOR THE AZORES WOULD HAVE TO BE IN THE AGREEMENT.

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